

to adapt herself to the hysterical and hypnotised Ida, and as a result both she and the excellent Jack Carbery are never able to be quite natural with us. One other bone we have to pick. Surely after the production of a masterpiece like the "Garden of Allah," it would have been better to leave the African magic alone. There are phrases scattered through the book, which almost painfully show the reader how recently Mr. Benson read Mr. Hichens, and how strongly he was moved thereby.

G. M. R.

Verse.

If only we would dare
Espouse the good and fair
Our soul, unbound by custom, still perceives;
And without compromise
Or favour in men's eyes
Live by the truth each one of us believes!
—Songs from a Northern Garden,
By Bliss Carman.

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Sun, and Moon, and Wind, and Flame,
Dust, and Dew, and Day and Night,—
Ye endure. Shall I endure not,
Though so fleeting in your sight?
Ye return. Shall I return not,
Flesh, or in the flesh's despite?
Ye are mighty. But I hold you
Compassed in a vaster might.

—The Child of the Infinite,
By Charles G. D. Roberts.

What to Read.

- "Love's Cross Currents." By Algernon Charles Swinburne.
- "The Day's Journey." By Netta Syrett.
- "Susan Clegg and her Friend, Mrs. Lathrop." By Anne Warner.
- "The Kaiser as He Is." By Henri de Nousanne.
- "The First Romanovs (1613-1725): A History of Muscovite Civilisation and the Rise of Modern Russia under Peter the Great and his Forerunners." By R. Nisbet Bain.
- "Napoleon's Love Story." By Waclaw Gasiorowski.
- "The Souls of Black Folk." By W. E. B. Dubois.

Coming Events.

July 24th to 28th.—Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association at Leicester.

July 25th.—Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll will be present at "The Hermitage," Chailey (Guild of the Brave Poor Things), on the occasion of Speech Day, 3.30.

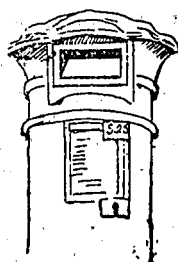
July 26th.—Opening of the Nurses' Home of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E., by the President, the Duke of Connaught, 4.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

July 25th.—Special Meeting.

July 27th.—Monthly Meeting.

July 29th.—Conference of Midwives' Board with the Training-School Authorities, 2.30 p.m.



Letters to the Editor. NOTES, QUERIES, &c.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—A Meeting of Council, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Princess Christian, was held on June 28th, and a resolution was unanimously carried expressing their deep sorrow at the death of Lady Bloomfield, and their regret for the great loss sustained by this Fund, of which she was the founder and most energetic supporter.

A resolution was also proposed by H.R.H., and carried *nem. con.*, that a sum of £500 should be raised, sufficient to endow an Annuity, to be called "The Lady Bloomfield Memorial Annuity."

After the meeting the members present at once subscribed £118 for that object. They now earnestly invite others to assist.

Contributions should be sent to the Hon. Sec., or direct to Messrs. Coutts and Co., 440, Strand, and should be marked "Lady Bloomfield Memorial."

The leaflet enclosed is a copy of Lady Bloomfield's last appeal to the public; it clearly explains the work of the Fund.

HARDWICKE.

(Chairman of Council).

73, Cheapside, London, E.C.

[We learn from the leaflet the object of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund is to give broken-down trained nurses, who have attained the age of fifty, served three years in a hospital or nursing institution, and fifteen years in general nursing, a pension of £17 per annum, which the executive would gladly increase, to enable them to keep out of the workhouse and live with their family or friends, who might be unable to keep them if they brought no grist to the mill. Every shilling subscribed goes to increase the fund, and thirteen annuities are now being paid out of the invested fund of £5,500; but so many heartrending applications are constantly sent to the Committee, which, to their great regret, they are unable to respond to, that great efforts are now being made to increase the fund, and the smallest subscriptions or donations are most thankfully received and acknowledged by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Ogier Ward, 73, Cheapside, E.C. The capital does not permit the executive to advertise with advantage, and therefore one of the chief difficulties is to get the Fund known. Some of our readers may perhaps be able to interest friends in it.—Ed.]

MIDWIVES AND MEDICAL FEES.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing,"

DEAR MADAM,—I note in your report of the last meeting of the Central Midwives' Board that both medical men and midwives are finding a difficulty in regard to the adjustment and payment of fees when a medical man is called in.

As a certified midwife the question is to me one of

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